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NEW BRUNSWICK.

Inspection at St. John.

ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK, April 22, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to report that during the week ended April 19 the following vessels and their crews were inspected at this port: Steamers, 1; schooners, 16; seamen, 144.

Respectfully,

T. DYSON WALKER,
United States Medical Inspector.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PORTO RICO.

Two cases of smallpox on the steamship Mae at Arecibo and San Juan.

SAN JUAN, P. R., April 14, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the American steamship *Mae* arrived at San Juah from Boston on the 5th instant, and from here sailed around the island for cargo. She arrived at Arecibo on the 12th instant, and landed there 1 case of confluent smallpox, reporting the case to the city health authorities instead of to our quarantine officer. When her master asked for a bill of health for New York, the facts of the case were reported to this office and the vessel ordered here for disinfection. The vessel arrived at San Juan on the 13th instant, and upon inspection 1 case of varioloid was found on board; this case was removed and the vessel disinfected, and all hands vaccinated. The *Mae* will be cleared to-day for New York with her recent sanitary history noted in full on the bill of health. This action is taken in order that the nine days required for the voyage to New York may count on her period of detention in case she arrives at New York clean.

The history of this vessel makes it apparent that the infection of these 2 members of her crew must have taken place in Boston.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Reports from Ponce.

PONCE, P. R., April 14, 1902.

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended April 12, 1902: Three vessels were inspected and passed and 5 bills of health were issued during the week. The local board of health reports 2 new cases of varicella for the past week; none discharged, making 9 cases in their hospital, 1 of which is diagnosed smallpox and the others as varicella.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.